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PRESS RELEASE

Albany, New York —United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian and Patrick Coultry, Resident Agent in Charge of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security, today announced that MICHAEL SEAMON, age 63, of Hudson Falls, New York, was sentenced on December 18, 2009, by the Honorable David N. Hurd in Federal District Court in Utica on his guilty plea to count two of an indictment charging him with the possession of child pornography. SEAMON was sentenced to time served and supervised release for a term of life. He was also ordered to: (1) have no unsupervised contact with minors; and (2) register with the New York State Sex Offender Registry Program. The Court also ordered that a computer be forfeited to the United States.

SEAMON pled guilty on May 8, 2009. In connection with his plea, SEAMON admitted the following in a written plea agreement and during his plea proceeding:

At all times relevant herein, MICHAEL SEAMON resided in Hudson Falls, New York, which is located in the Northern District of New York.

Between about January, 2004 and October 22, 2008 SEAMON, while in his residence, used his HP Pavilion 553X desktop computer, serial no. MX23927034 to access various websites featuring child pornography. One website in particular [...] was visited by SEAMON on several occasions. This website is a known child pornography website. While on this website, SEAMON paid for access to child pornography images which he then downloaded and saved within various electronic folders of the aforementioned computer...

On October 22, 2008, SEAMON gave agents from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) consent to seize and search his computer. Forensic examination of this computer was subsequently conducted. Approximately 33 still images depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, as those terms and phrases are defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(2), were

recovered from said computer. Said images were found in various electronic folders or saved as attachments to e-mails. Said images depict individuals under the age of 18 engaged in, among other things vaginal sex, oral sex, bestiality, bondage and the lascivious exhibition of the genitals and pubic area. All of the images recovered depict actual, as opposed to computer generated, images of minors engaged in such conduct. Some of these images depict prepubescent minors engaged in such conduct.

This case was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Albany, New York.

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